

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the drawings (Figure 1) with the attached replacement drawing sheet.

REMARKS

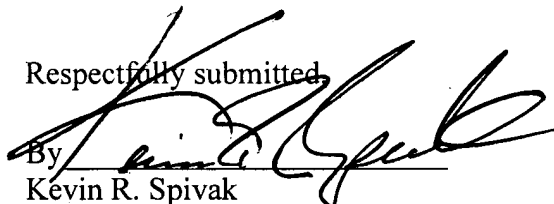
The drawings have been amended to state "prior art" on Figure 1, the specification has been amended to include the description of figure 1 in the background, and claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10 and 12 have been canceled. Claims 4, 8, 11 and 13-16 have been rewritten in independent form to include any base and intervening claims. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 4491220250.00.

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